

**JACKSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
SECURITY PROTOCOL**

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PURPOSE: To maintain compliance with MCR 8.115, the Jackson County Courthouse will allow visitors to bring in electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, laptops, tablets, smart watches, etc.) into the courthouse. All devices will be subject to screening by Court Security Officers upon entry.

POLICY:

Public Areas: Visitors may use electronic devices in public areas of the courthouse. However, for reasons of privacy, safety, and security, visitors may not take photographs, make audio or video recordings, or transmit live streaming audio or video of people within the courthouse without their consent.

Attorneys, parties and members of the public may utilize an electronic device to reproduce public court documents in a clerk's office as long as the device leaves no mark or impressions on the document, and it does not unreasonably interfere with the operation of the department. Any individual wishing to view court documents must first request said document as pursuant to that Court's Policy.

Courtrooms: Electronic devices are permitted in the courtrooms but must be in silent mode or turned off.

The following restrictions apply:

- No audible functions, including making or receiving phone calls, may be used without the presiding judge's approval.
- No electronic communication between parties
- Witnesses may only use their electronic device with judicial approval
- Jurors must turn off their device while in the courtroom and may have to relinquish their device during deliberations; dependent upon judicial discretion.
- No photographs, audio, video broadcasting, or live streaming may occur in the courtroom without a court order.

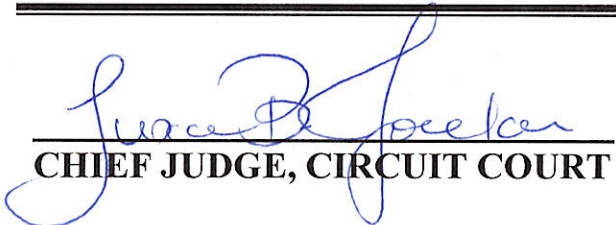
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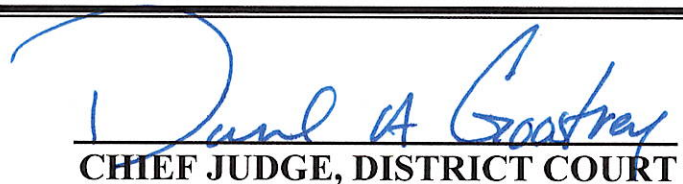
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Violation of Electronic Device Policy: The use of an electronic device is subject to the authority of the Judge of Record and/or the Courthouse Security Committee and may be terminated if disruptive to court operations, compromise building security, or that is contrary to the administration of justice. Violators may be subject to device confiscation, \$100 fine and/or contempt of court.

This policy does not modify or supersede the guidelines for media coverage of court proceedings set forth in AO No. 1989-1


CHIEF JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT


CHIEF JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT